

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the matter of
Amendment to Part 97 of the Commission's
Amateur Radio Service Rules to keep
the Morse Code proficiency requirements
for all classes of Amateur license.

RM-10781, RM10782
RM-10783, RM-10784
RM-10785, RM-10786
RM-10787

To the Commission:

- I. Element I of the Amateur Radio Examination requires a minimum proficiency of sending MORSE CODE by hand and receiving by ear (also known as CW). Element I is required of applicants for the General Class and the Extra Class of Amateur license.
- II. Before the Commission are various proposals (identified as RM-10781, RM-10782, RM-10783, RM-10784, RM-10785, RM-10786 and RM-10787) which would repeal or modify the MORSE CODE (CW) requirement as mandated under Element I.
- III. In Part 97, the FCC has allocated and assigned frequencies to the Amateur Service and has reserved some of those frequencies exclusively for the use by Radio Amateurs who transmit and receive MORSE CODE (CW).
- IV. The World Administrative Radio Conference (WARC) has questioned the necessity of maintaining a MORSE CODE (CW) requirement. And several nations have already discontinued such requirements in the licensing of Radio Amateurs.

CONCLUSIONS:

Therefore, I believe that the FCC should DISCONTINUE the use of Element I in testing applicants for the Amateur GENERAL Class license, but that the FCC should RETAIN the use of Element I in testing for the Amateur EXTRA Class license.

Thank-you,

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